

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/614,315

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to RCE filed 11/17/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 38-59 renumbered 1-32.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Reasons For Allowance

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record, either alone or in combination, fails to teach, suggest, or render obvious the combined limitations of each of the independent claims.
2. Specifically, the prior art of record fails to disclose the steps whereby an existing structured document is loaded into an editor, checked to determine whether or not a document is already of a certain type (invention calls a "block document") and performing a conversion to a "block document" if it is determined not to already be in that format. The type is an HTTP "Content-Type" assigned to be "text/cmp". The blocking process essentially marks or tags the document content into separate units (blocks) according to previously established rules which include the addition of attributes and values (such as styles, positions, and pointers to external content) to the tags such that they can be manipulated separately (e.g., edited, sorted, rearranged, etc.) from the parent document. An end-user can then access different sites containing blocked content and pick and choose specific content from these sites and merge the content into their own space (e.g., a personalized web page, portal, "my" page).
3. The prior art typically performs "web clipping" where the end-user can arbitrarily select (sub) contents (components) from any web site for inclusion into their personalized web page. The problem with web clipping is that the content provider has

no control over what is clipped. The end-user and/or clipping software is responsible for keeping track of the clipping (has it been updated, format changed, deleted) from the end-users client. The content-provider can make changes to their content but cannot readily communicate those changes to the end-user.

4. One advantage to the instant invention over the cited prior art is that the content provider has full control over what an end-user selects "component-wise" from their web site and also controls the functionality of that component. In addition, if the content provider wishes to make changes to the blocked content, they can do so and be assured that the end user's content is similarly changed.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."


Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James H. Blackwell whose telephone number is 571-272-4089. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather R. Herndon can be reached on 571-272-4136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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